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Chairwoman Hartley, Chairman Dargan, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Virginia Benedetto. I am from Stratford, and I am the Technology Coordinator for the Connecticut Citizens Defense League, and also a founding member. I am writing today to

SUPPORT

H.B. No. 5245 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

I see this bill as an opportunity to streamline the process to obtain a temporary Permit to Carry a Pistol or Revolver in the state of Connecticut. A permit that any law abiding citizen needs in order to exercise a right that allows him to protect himself and family, that many towns have implemented further restrictions or requirements that go above and beyond what the state has deemed required, in order to reduce either the number of applications submitted or approved. By passing this bill, citizens in any town of our State will be able to apply for a permit, without fear of having to sign waivers for credit checks, or medical releases, or employer contact. The requirements the State has determined as required for a permit should be all that is needed for any town in this State. Each DMV office does not get to make up rules and requirements for a driver's license, so I believe the requirements to obtain a temporary Permit to Carry a Pistol or Revolver should be similar.

I also **Support** these bills:

S.B. No. 196 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF PISTOL AND REVOLVER SALES IN A BOUND BOOK.

H.B. No. 5096 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE DATABANK.

H.B. No. 5246 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERMIT TO SELL PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS

Thank you.

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**Every citizen has a right
to bear arms in defense
of himself and the state.**

Connecticut State Constitution, Article First, Section 15